Statement-IV

Expenditure incurred by Government on DDK, Dibrugarh during the last five years

(in lakhs of Rs.)

Year	Plan (PPC)	Non-Plan (HPT)
1989-90		
1990-91		15.37
1991-92	14.85	15.10
1992-93	35.20	15.15
1993-94	63.04	19.41

Information regarding 1993-94 is tentative as Appropriation Accounts for 1993-94 is yet to be finalised.

Conference of Experts in the Power Sector

*'' 1031. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA;. Will the Minister of POWER -be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of experts in power sector from SEBs, NTPC and NHPC was held at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details of the dis. cussions held and the outcome there. of

... (c) -whether the measures to bridge the gap in power availability "" and demand position during Eighth Plan period .were also discussed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE .IN THE, MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) '" to (d) A Conference on "The Deve-lopment and Financing of Private Power Proieets in India'—"India Power *94"* was held at New Delhi on May 23-25. 1994 which was orga. finised bv Belgundi Group in associa-, tion with AIC Conferenees Australia and was Co-sponsored by the Ministry of Power. The Conference was atteched by prospective promo- ,, ters from various countries, officials of State Electricity Boards arid State Power and Finance Departments besides officials from the concerned Departments of the Government of India. The development of Private Sector power projects would go a long way to mitigate the power shortage in the country.

Reduction in Arrears of .SEBs towards NTPC

1032. SHRI KRISHNAKUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state S .

(a) whether the' NTPC has recently chalked out a strategy to reduce its'outstandings from the SEBs;

(b) if so, the details of the strategy NTPC propose to adopt;

(c) whether the World Bank have extended loan to the NTPC;

(d) if so,the terms and reference of the. loan agreement; and

(e) what other steps NTPC propose to take ID redece outstandings from SEBs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY, OF POWER tSHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) . (a) and (b)

(b) Does not *arise.*

(c) The mutter is under fiaalisation.

Power theft

1935. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have nude any assessment of power theft in diffe rent States during the laat one year, if so, the value of the electricity stolen;

(b) the measure Government have taken/propose to take to check power thefts;

(c) whether World Bank has also drawn Government's attetnion towards this State of affairs; and

(c) if so. Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAUHJ)- (a) No, Sir. State Governments/SIBBs make assessment in the their respective states.

(b) Comprehensive guidelines have been issued by Central Electricity Autartf to the Power Utilities for redu-obg Transmission and Distribution losses. Theae include measures for reducing power theft vis-a-vis installing tampersroof meter taxes, intensifying surprise raids and launching prosecution against tat persons found indulging in theft of energy. The theft of energy bat been made a cognizable offence from August, 1996 under the provisions of Section 39 ■of Indian Electricity Act, 1910. An Incentive Scheme was also introduced by the Government of India amnog the 'State Electricity Boards, Electricity Departmntt etc from the year 1987 for bringing about reduction in the Trim-mission & Distribution losses.

(c) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (c) above, question dose not arise.

Panadharo Lignite Power Plant

1036. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN; Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of power generated by the Panadharo Lignite Power Plant in Kutch district of Gujarat dur ing oh of last three years.

(b) wheher the total quantum of power generated was sufficient for Gujarat and Maharashtra.

(c) whether some foreign countries and NRIs are seeking investment in the Lignite Power project to boost its power generating capacity;

(d) if so, the details thereof*, and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MiTNlSTEB. OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NATOU)- (a; The Quantum of power generated by Panadharo lignite power Plant or Kntch district of Gujarat State during last three years is as given below:—

Year	Energy Generated (MU)
1991-92 . . .	424
1992-93 . . .	557
1993-94 . . .	668